

# From the Upper Chamber



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## Report for Monday, January 9, 2006

The first day of the 2006 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Mark Taylor**.

Following the morning roll call, Lt. Gov. **Taylor** led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Pastor **William E. Flippin** of Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

Lt. Gov. **Taylor** then introduced the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Bobby Kaufman** of Sandy Springs.

Lt. Gov. **Taylor** then welcomed Sen. **Ed Tarver** of the 22<sup>nd</sup> as the newest member of the Georgia State Senate. The Secretary read a directive from Secretary of State **Cathy Cox**, certifying the special election of Sen. **Tarver** from the 22<sup>nd</sup> Senate district. The Senate then stood in applause to welcome Sen. **Tarver** and his wife, **Beverly**, to the state senate.

Lt. Gov. **Taylor** greeted the Senate and welcomed members to the 2006 session of the Georgia General Assembly. He then recognized President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> to offer greetings.

President Pro Tempore **Johnson** took the rostrum and welcomed Senators, specifically Sen. **Tarver**, and thanked Lt. Gov. **Taylor** for his years of service to our State.

Senate Bills 378 and 381-386 and Senate Resolution 641 were then read for the first time and assigned to committees.

SR 643, recognizing January 24, 2006, as LaGrange College Day, was also read and adopted.

SR 645, notifying Governor **Sonny Perdue** that the Senate has convened, was read and adopted. Lt. Gov. **Taylor** then appointed Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the

19<sup>th</sup>, Minority Leader **Robert Brown** of the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Senators **Terrell Starr** of the 44<sup>th</sup>, **Nancy Schaefer** of the 50<sup>th</sup>, **David Adelman** of the 42<sup>nd</sup> and **Ed Tarver** to a committee to notify the Governor that the Senate has convened.

SR 644, notifying the House of Representatives that the Senate has convened, was read and adopted.

House Resolution 1044, relative to adjournment for the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. state holiday and for other purposes, was read and adopted.

HR 1043, ordering a joint session of the House and Senate for the purposes of hearing the State of the State address by Governor **Sonny Perdue**, was read and adopted.

There were no unanimous consents.

Sens. **Don Thomas** of the 54<sup>th</sup>, **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> and **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> then took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to invite all Senators to a reception, and to present the Senators with a new State of Georgia rug with a peach emblem.

Sen. **Emanuel Jones** of the 10<sup>th</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to invite Senators to sign his legislation authorizing the issuance of a Bronze Star license plate.

Majority Leader **Williams** moved that all bills on the table, including SR 34, 497 and House Bill 218, be removed from the table and returned to the Senate Rules Committee.

Sen. **Williams** then moved that the bills on today's Senate calendar, including SB 11, 30-32, 64, 74, 77, 102, 116, 123, 156, 179, 180, 182, 186, 200, 205, 214, 218, 232, 241, 243, 245, 250, 251, 266, 275, 276, 298, 301, 307, 316, SR 38, 41 and 86, and HB 194, 268, 346 and 467, be recommitted to their Committees of origin. Without objection, the motion carried.

Following the announcements, Majority Leader **Williams** moved to stand adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 10.

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